

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
5:11-HC-2016-H

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,                     )  
   )  
    Petitioner,                                     )  
   )  
    v.   )  
   )  
DANIEL TRAVIS,                                    )  
   )  
    Respondent.                                    )

**ORDER**

This case comes before the court on the government's motion (D.E. 24) to compel respondent to submit to a psychological examination by Dale Arnold, Ph.D. Arnold is a licensed psychologist who has already prepared an evaluation of respondent on behalf of the government without interviewing him. (Arnold Rep. (D.E. 19-1) 1). The government seeks an examination by Arnold primarily because respondent has submitted to an examination by the respondent-selected examiner appointed by the court, psychologist Joseph J. Plaud, Ph.D. (*see* Order (D.E. 21)), and it believes fairness dictates that a psychologist of its choosing also have the opportunity to examine respondent.<sup>1</sup>

Respondent has not filed a response, and the time within which to do so has expired.

Under the circumstances presented, the court finds that Arnold, whose credentials the court has reviewed and finds satisfactory for purposes of this order (*see* D.E. 17-1), should be appointed as an examiner pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 4247(b) and 4248(b). He will necessarily be acting as one selected by the government. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED as follows:

1. The motion (D.E. 24) is ALLOWED on the terms set forth herein.
2. The court hereby APPOINTS Arnold as a mental health examiner pursuant to 18

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<sup>1</sup>Although no report prepared by Plaud appears in the record, the court accepts the government's undisputed assertion that he has conducted an examination of respondent.

U.S.C. §§ 4247(b) and 4248(b).

3. Arnold shall conduct a psychological examination of respondent and shall prepare a written report on the examination containing the information prescribed by 18 U.S.C. § 4247(c), as well as a copy of his curriculum vitae. The report shall be filed with the court, under seal without further order of the court, with copies provided to counsel for each party, also pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4247(c).

4. Respondent shall submit to the examination by Arnold.

5. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for payment of the costs of the examination by Arnold and his report.

6. No other expert shall conduct a mental health examination of respondent on behalf of the government (or respondent) without prior court approval.

SO ORDERED, this 7th day of December 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James E. Gates', written over a horizontal line.

James E. Gates  
United States Magistrate Judge